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Title: ANALYSIS OF SUCCESSIVE DATA SETS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A method of analyzing successive data sets as claimed in claim 1, in which method

- the region of interest is localized on the basis of variations in the local intensity variation, notably on the basis of a time derivative $\frac{\partial I(x,t)}{\partial t}$ of the local intensity variation.

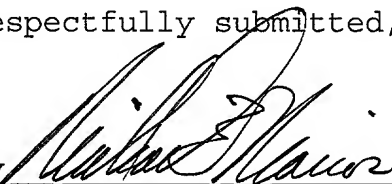
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (amended) A method of analyzing successive data sets as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~2, in which method

- the region of interest is localized on the basis of variations in the local intensity variation, notably on the basis of a time derivative $\frac{\partial I(x,t)}{\partial t}$ of the local intensity variation.

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